

Letter from Tilton C. Reynolds to Juliana Reynolds, October 19, 1862

Camp Paroled Prisoners Oct 19th 1862

Dear Mother,

I wrote a short letter to you yesterday and Sent it with Arthur's but Last Evening I got a letter from you the Second Since I came from Richmond, So I will have to answer It Immediately. It Is something a little strange about the letters getting Scattered around the way they do. The one I got yesterday was Written on the 29th of Sept. and directed to Annapolis. From there it was Sent to Washington and from there to the Regt. I Suppose & from there here. When you direct Letters to me after this put the No of the Regt. on Lower corner left end of the Envelope for when they See the Regt. Under the name they dont look any farther but throw them In the Regimental Mail.

This is Sunday and a verry pretty day. It Is warm and pleasant. It puts me In mind of the Sunday's I have passed up In old Jefferson. I would like to pass a few more up there but that privilege is denied me at least for a while though I think I can get a Furlough this winter. If I get to the Regt. I know I can and I think I can any how. If we ever get paid off I will go to the Regt. & Stay there (ie) if It Is In winter quarters. And then you could come and See me as well as not and I could get a furlough and go home with you when you went. One of the fellows that was taken prisoner when I was (out of Co E in our Regt.) got a furlough and is at home now. His father came to see him down here and went to the War department & got a furlough for him. Well Keep Cool I'll have one this winter or I'm deceived awfully.

I done my washing Yesterday and I had quite a big one as I had not had time before for some time. I washed three pairs of Drawers, two Shirts & two pairs of Socks. I tell you I am

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quite a Washerwoman. I washed In the Potomac River quite a large wash tub wasent It. I have got the Shirt and Stockings yet that you Sent me In that Box last winter. I happened to have them on the day of the fight at Fair Oaks or I would have lost them. The Shirt is beggining to get a little thin at the Elbows but other places it is as good as ever. The Stockings too are a little the worse of the wear though the Legs are as good as new. The ones you Sent with F. Hammaker I lost as they were In my Knapsack. Did you get that Likeness that Bill took home of mine? I am afraid I will never get the rest of them that I had for Joe Green took them out & put them In his knapsack & I guess It Is lost. I am glad you got the money for them Shoes as they would have been lost If It had not been for Joe Selling them.

Well I will Soon close as I have about run out of news though I must tell you of a little fun that happened last night. The Regt. that guards our Camp has only been In Service a Short time and are a little green. Last night one of the fellows done Something and a guard went to arrest him. When he Started for his tent the guard took after him and as Soon as he got pretty near too his tent he Knocked the guards cap off and Kicked his gun out of his hands. This Scared the guard so Bad that he grabbed his gun and Run for guard Hd. Qrts as fast as he could leaving his Cap In the hands of the Enemy. But after all was quiet again about 20 of the Paroled men took his Cap and a white Rag tied on a pole for a flag of truce marched up to guard Hd Quarters, delivered up the Cap filed Left & marched to their tents. It pleased the officers considerably. Well I will close this. Give my Love to all and believe me to be your most Affectionate son.

Tilton Reynolds

[P.S.] I got the Dollar you sent in the first letter but the other has never reached me. I Expect it is lost. I also got the stamps in this last one. I have just now heard that we are all to go to our Regts. soon. I hope It Is true. There Is Church In Camp to day at 11 Oclock. I guess the Regt. Is up at Poolesville or somewhere near that place. Write soon. Good By.

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